

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Labor**

BILL SUMMARY



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329 AN ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION Kelleher LV/WD(acc.)  
AGAINST SEASONAL WORKERS IN THE UN-  
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

SUMMARY: Repeals entire seasonality provision from unemployment compensation laws; under the seasonality law, workers employed by seasonal industries are eligible for unemployment benefits only if they are unemployed during the season in which that industry customarily operates.

NOTE: The topic of seasonality will be addressed by the study commission authorized under LD 490.

330 AN ACT TO PROTECT UNEMPLOYED WORKERS Kelleher LV/WD(acc.)  
WITH EXCESSIVE DELAYS IN ELIGIBILITY  
DETERMINATION IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT COM-  
PENSATION PROGRAM

SUMMARY: Department of Labor must notify claimant of its determination on unemployment benefits within 30 days after his first claim for benefits; if the 30 day standard is not met, benefits shall be granted automatically until claimant receives actual notice of denial of eligibility, and benefits received in the interim do not need to be repaid by the claimant.

NOTE: Committee asked the Dept. of Labor Advisory Council to address the problem of delay; held bill and granted leave to withdraw after Council reported that steps had been taken to reduce delay.

363 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEGOTIA- Martin,J. OTP-ND(acc.)  
TION OF SENIORITY PROVISIONS FOR Hayes See LD 1350  
TEACHERS Matthews  
Crowley

386 AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL HEALTH Connolly OTP-ND(acc.)  
INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR INJURED MAINE Dutremble See LD 1148  
WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES Tuttle

387 AN ACT TO INSURE PROMPT ANSWERS TO Beaulieu M-OTP(acc.)  
PETITIONS FILED BY EMPLOYERS AND Tammaro m-ONTIP  
EMPLOYEES Hayes PL 1983, c. 38  
Tuttle

SUMMARY: All parties interested in opposition to a workers compensation petition must file an answer within 20 days after receipt of the petition rather than within 30 days.